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October Declared Energy Action Month

COLUMBIA, SC - Oct. 1, 2020 – South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster has declared October as Energy Action Month, an event meant to encourage energy savings through efficiency and conservation.



To further encourage energy reduction in our state, the State Energy Office, a department of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, will hold the second annual SC Energy Hour on Oct. 7, 2020 from 10:07-11:07 a.m.

The Energy Office is joining others around the state in celebrating Energy Action Month digitally by sharing steps we can all take to save energy. In these difficult times, South Carolinians are joining together to support one another and those affected by COVID-19.

During this unprecedented global public health crisis, reducing energy use by becoming more efficient will help minimize impacts on our environment and make a healthier world for everyone. Reducing energy use also helps to take some burden off the power system at a time when keeping the power supply flow steady is so vitally important.

During October, South Carolinians are encouraged to review how they use energy at home and at work. Small changes can add up to energy savings. Start with small changes such as switching to LED light bulbs or caulking around windows and doors. Then, look into larger commitments such as adding insulation or switching to a tankless hot water heater. Make sure to visit EnergySaver.SC.GOV to find energy-saving opportunities and ways to save energy in your home or business.



On Oct. 7, 2020, a growing network of advocates, companies, government agencies, utilities and others will showcase the benefits of energy efficiency during the 5th annual nationwide [Energy](#)

[Efficiency Day](#) campaign. As part of Energy Efficiency Day, the Energy Office is encouraging public and private entities to take part in SC Energy Hour! On Oct. 7 from 10:07-11:07 a.m., the Energy Office would like for South Carolinians to celebrate SC Energy Hour by actively reducing energy consumption or learning more about how to reduce energy use in the state. This

celebration can range from turning off lights in your home or building to hosting a virtual talk about energy-saving benefits. Other ideas for *#SCEnergyHour* are:

- Sign an [Energy Action Month pledge](#) (PDF)
- Watch an [energy-efficiency related video](#)
- Play [energy-saving bingo](#)

To help promote SC Energy Hour, we'd love for you to take a photo of what you or your organization is doing and share via social media with the hashtag *#SCEnergyHour*. Also, make sure to tag @SCEnergyOffice so we can share as well!

More information can be found on the Energy Office website at ENERGY.SC.GOV/EnergyActionMonth.

To read Gov. McMaster's proclamation in full, click [here](#).

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